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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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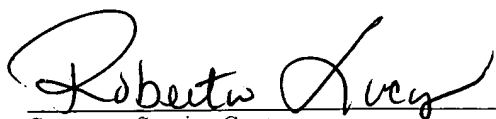
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DEVICE FOR IMMOBILIZING A CONNECTING
ROD IN AN OSSEOUS ANCHORING ELEMENT OF
A RACHIDIAN IMPLANT

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

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Sir:

In response to the accompanying Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated August 11, 2004, we enclose herewith an accurate English translation which was omitted at the time of filing the above-captioned application, which was filed on October 10, 2003 in the names of Pierre BERNARD, Tiphaine LEPORT, Jean-Yves LEROY, Pascal ROKEGEM, Guy VIART, and Arnaud POMMIER.

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